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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

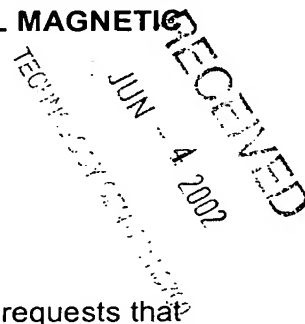
- AA United States Patent No. 6,298,258
- AB United States Patent No. 6,002,254
- AC United States Patent No. 5,732,702
- AD United States Patent No. 5,662,112
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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The respective German counterparts of the above references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

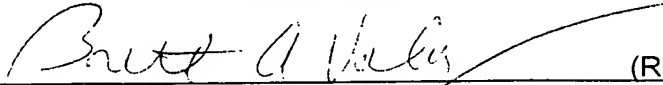
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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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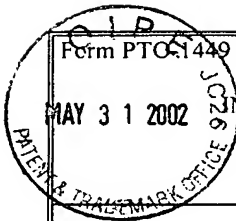
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